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Northern Michigan road projects vetoed by governor

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LANSING – Road projects that would have improved the condition and safety of roads throughout the 37th Senate District were vetoed by the governor, announced Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City.

"Once again, the governor has shown that northern Michigan isn't a priority for her," Allen said. "These were important local projects, but unfortunately the governor has pulled the plug."

Road projects that were planned and approved by both the Senate and House of Representatives included an M-48 interchange on I-75 in Chippewa County, a stop light at Bay Harbor and US-31 – the sight of a fatality earlier this year – in Emmet County, and funding for maintenance and preservation of roads and trails of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

Her veto follows closely on the heels of the attempted Lansing takeover of the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The administration reversed the takeover attempt after northern Michigan residents protested.

"We approved a fiscally responsible budget, which included these vital projects that would have improved the condition and safety of our roads in northern Michigan," Allen said.

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